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To Whom It May Concern:

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Please do not pass MB Docket No. 04-233. We should not be forced to take our programming from people who may not even like our radio station. Giving communities the power to determine what radio station's air is much like giving communities the power to determine who goes to which schools. If we still did this, we'd still have fully segregated schools regardless of the make-up of the communities. We passed laws to prevent discrimination of minorities. Let's not pass laws that allow discrimination of minority radio stations. This is what will happen. In every area where the prevailing population doesn't like a particular style of radio, that station will be prevented from renewing its license – regardless of whether or not other people in the community like it. It won't matter if it's Christian, rap, country or public radio – there will be stations shut down by people who exercise power they shouldn't have to control people who are different from them.

My personal preference is Christian radio. Christians deserve as much right as any other group to free speech and passing this would almost certainly deprive us of our ability to listen to radio we like. As citizens of the United States of America, we have the right to freedom of religion. Passing this bill would allow non-Christians to prevent me from my preferred choice of worship. If people don't like listening to Christian radio, they can change the station, just like I do if I end up on a rap station. If my station has to go off the air because non-Christians in my community were able to prevent it from getting a renewal license, I won't have the luxury of changing to a radio station that I like. My station is wholly listener supported and we, the listeners who support it, should be the deciding factor in its staying on-air.

Please don't put any of us in that position.

Sincerely yours,

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